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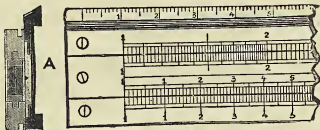
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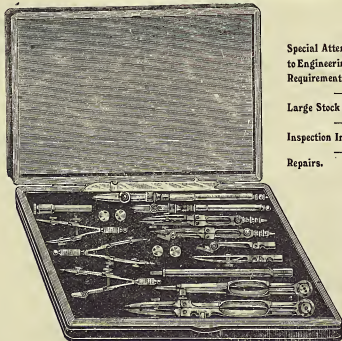
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EDITORIAL.

The first number of this volume of the College magazine appears a considerable time after the opening of the Session, but we trust that it is not too late to extend a hearty welcome to all new members of the Staff and to all first-year students.

Our "Freshers" have now had time to settle down in their new surroundings, and we hope that they will all have cause to look on their stay at College as a thoroughly happy and well-spent time. The Principal's address, though unfortunately delayed, has, we are sure, done much to make them feel at home; we are enabled by his courtesy to reproduce the substance of his remarks in this magazine.

We would here recall briefly the nature and aim of the magazine. It is the organ which most widely represents the students of the College — the work of many of our societies, excellent as it is, appeals often to a section only of our community. The magazine is read by all in College, but, in addition to this, it is perhaps the only durable and broadly representative record of our doings which goes beyond the College walls to give some idea of our activities to those outside. Therefore, while it is our duty to help on the corporate life of U.C.S. by supporting wholeheartedly those societies in which we are most interested, let us not forget that our support is also necessary to the magazine, if it is to be a worthy spokesman for the student body.

We sincerely thank all those who have contributed to this number, but we feel that the appeal for articles might have met with more general response. Even if some contributions have to be held over for another issue, or cannot be printed at all (for the size of the magazine is limited by financial circumstances), the standard of the production will depend in some measure on the amount of copy from which the Committee have to choose. With

regard to the nature of the contributions required, it is our aim to maintain, as far as possible, a just balance between humorous and more serious articles, both of which represent definite and necessary sides of College life.

So next term, please, roll up with your articles, etc., as soon as possible—it is not necessary to wait till the last moment. Seek inspiration in the coming vac., and bring your manuscripts back with you.

R. W.

A. E.



PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS TO FRESHERS,

16th November, 1923.

I am very sorry that, owing to my unfortunate accident, I have not been able to address the Freshers before this. I now want to give them a welcome to the College and a few words of advice. Let me point out that the great thing to do is to get the best of your College career, and to appreciate the advantage of being allowed the privilege of a University education. To get the best out of this, it is absolutely necessary to make up your minds that you are not here to have things planted in you, but that you must always go half-way to meet the opportunities which are laid before you. Do everything you do thoroughly and with enthusiasm; work well; play well. Remember, too, that your future career depends upon your work. It is no good just to come to lectures and to laboratories, and to think that then you have done your duty. It is only by hard work that we can achieve anything in these days, and hard work is often its own reward, because, if you work hard, you then find that you can play hard, too.

I want also to emphasise the huge advantage that comes to you in being members of such a corporate body as this University College. Every member of a corporate body has an individual obligation to see that not only does he not bring shame or disgrace on it, but that he helps to build up its fame. It is an enormous advantage to be able to experience this corporate life in this stage of your career. Make the most of it; remember that you have duties to do therein as well as the privileges of membership.

Your corporate life is, to a great extent, organized by the fact that you have a representative Students' Council, and I want you to understand what an advantage you have in this, and that you should do all to help the Council carry on its work efficiently. Finally, I should like to say this: remember that in a body corporate rules are necessary. They may seem irksome; they may seem useless, but I can assure you that they are not. For instance, it may seem a small and irksome thing to you that cap and gown are necessary on all official occasions, but I must ask you to look upon the cap and gown as the symbol of our corporate life and the uniform which we are proud to wear.

I hope that you will all have a very successful, prosperous and happy career as members of this College, and will remember what I said at the beginning, that in the last resort much depends upon yourselves, and that, unless you do your part, it is impossible for anyone else to secure for you the full benefit of a University education.



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F. B. O.



QUOTATIONS APROPOS.

Examiners.

On you, my lord, with anxious fear I wait,
And from your judgment must expect my fate.

The Fresher.

Strange to the world, he wore a bashful look.

Fines.

Thus can the demi-god Authority
Make us pay down for our offence by weight.

Final Results.

So comes a reck'ning when the banquet's o'er,
The dreadful reck'ning, and men smile no more.

The Ideal Soirée.

On with the dance! Let joy be unconfin'd,
No sleep till morn, when Youth and Pleasure meet.

The Last Waltz.

... Music at the close
As the last taste of sweets is sweetest last.

Prof. C--k.

He could raise scruples dark and nice,
And after solve 'em in a trice.

"Georgie" (in Room I).

While his off-heel, insidiously aside,
Provokes the caper.

Language Lecturers.

Learned philologists, who chase
A panting syllable through time and space,
Start it at home, and hunt it in the dark,
To Gaul, to Greece, and into Noah's ark.

M.C.R. to W.C.R.

At every word a reputation dies.

To the unknown.

"Marry, then, sweet wag."

W.C.R. to M.C.R.

Come not within the measure of (our) wrath.

Annexe Responsible Student, S.S.H.

At night returning, every labour sped (?),
He sits him down, the monarch of a shed;
Smiles by his cheerful fire, and round surveys,
His children's looks, that brighten at the blaze.

Mr. C-ll-n's.

As if a man should sleep all the term, and think to
effect his business the last day.

THE THOUGHTS OF YOUTH.

The thoughts of youth are long, long thoughts.
 They are fed by sunlit streams
 Of a fairy land, where an elfin band
 Steals forth from the Home of Dreams.

The songs of youth are sweet, sweet songs.
 Hark! Echoing far away
 I can hear the tune of a fairy runs,
 The lilt of an elfin lay.

The dreams of youth are wild, wild dreams,
 They tell of the great god Pan,
 They turn the key to the mystery
 That puzzles the heart of man.

The faith of youth is a mighty faith,
 It trusts and it does not fear,
 But its eyes can see and its soul is free,
 For it knows that a God is near.

A. M. M.

**YESTERDAY WE WANDERED.**

Yesterday, we wandered hand in hand
 Through flowering heath adown a magic vale—
 Yesterday, the warm sun sank o'er a land
 Mystic with primrose and daffodil pale.

To-day a chill dawn breaks,
 A grey mist hides the day.
 To-day my sad heart aches,
 And you are far away.

S.

**LAPSUS LINGUAE.**

Shut the door and come in.

Miss Tr--t.

Enclose the bar in a square cylinder.

Mr. M-nn.

Heads dropward back.

E. G--g.

This Mass is performed on every Tuesday in Holy Week.
Prof. L--k.

These lectures will be given to the men at the three
hostels. Prof. C--k.

The meteorologist's mind is full of air, the geologist's
is full of earth. Mr. R--h--th.

... A mercuric amalgam.
Mr. Sm--h.

There is a great number of *bores* in Australia.
Mr. R--h--th.

I haven't room on the blackboard for the staircase,
so you must keep it in your heads.

Becoming alternately bigger and greater.
Mr. M--ll--r.

GIVE THE CONTEXT OF :—

- (i.) Sock !
- (ii.) Would you ? Try it on, then.
- (iii.) Would Miss —— and Mr. —— see me at the end
of this period ?
- (iv.) What I mean to say, boy—you go and drown
your flapping self.
- (v.) That's raght.

ORGANS AND OTHERWISE.

The blackest demon in the lowest pit of the infernal regions first played a barrel-organ. From which statement it may be inferred that I have no inconsiderable prejudice against that instrument, if instrument it may be called. And, indeed, I feel justified in voicing my prejudice, sustained by the fact that a criticism of the barrel-organ is a criticism of the whole system of modern civilisation. At this juncture let no cynic say that my aversion arises from mere annoy-

ance, and in no wise from lofty artistic principles, for although I must confess to having experienced a considerable amount of annoyance at the hands of these itinerant vendors of unmusical wares, yet this attack would be unjustifiable if that were its only motive. No! The justification is my tears when I think of the great ancestors of the barrel-organ players.

For are not these men the descendants, base and unworthy though they be, of the great Homer? And cannot their descent be traced through the centuries, a noble line of Minstrels, Troubadours, Jongleurs, call them what you will? They are utterly unworthy of their ancestry. These modern Homers have their Iliads made for them; the Troubadour of to-day turns a handle, and a song is clinked forth which is not for all time, nor yet for an age, rather, as one of our poet-musicians says:—

“Here to-day, gone the next.”

(“Shifting Sands.”)

Have they not forfeited their birthright?

Their instrument, too! I can think of no better name for that than a rattler. Yet the civilised world has allowed it to be called an organ, and as if that were not injury enough, has given it the preference over the best of instruments, by allowing the word barrel—a word which is very dear to the English heart—to be prefixed. To one ignorant of these instruments, the name barrel-organ might well conjure up an image of the perfect sum of all delights—physical and spiritual pleasure intermingled; but the object falls far below its name, and it is time that men of culture decided to protest against the nomenclature which classes together the greatest and the most insignificant of instruments. A society might well be formed with such an aim; its name might be the Society for the Prevention of Injustice to Organs. Local branches could be formed, and travelling secretaries drawing large salaries, a necessity in any well-run society, could be obtained for the asking. It remains for the College to make the first step, and for the Central Union to make the newly-formed Society a large grant, with no questions asked. Our faith in both the greater and the lesser body is such that we feel sure that each will see which way its duty lies, and give the correct reply to an appeal of this nature:

A. W. S.

THINGS WE SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

Whether Mr. M--re wishes to rival Louis Wain ?

When the Refectory Choir will give its first performance ?

(We were under the impression that several had already been given, with a heartiness that made us less inclined to mourn for the decease of the Choral Society. No collections have, however, been taken—ED.)

Whether "Townsmen" of the "Echo" was correct in supposing that the College Father was once a "living man" ?

Who removed *the* lamp-post from Church Lane ?

Whether "Town" cyclists will write to the "Echo" about it ?

When the Rugby team will publish a weekly casualty list ?

Why W. H. K. is always late to meals on Sundays ?

Who talks about a "nacid" ?

How to draw a chalk line with a black-lead pencil ?

What was Mr. J-y-e's *real* opinion of the "Ladies' Preference" dance ?

Have the Rugger team exhausted the fixtures with the Gr---r Sc---l ?

Should the men's Hockey Sec. mark out the pitch during the ladies' game ?

Why Mr. U-h-r should not be called "Stevenson," even though *he* was "let off" ?

How long Mr. S---t-J--p has been "Professor of Music" at the University College ?

Has Room I Intrinsic or Extrinsic value ?

Mr. T-ll-y's opinion about it ?

Why the women have to "*gang* about" in drill-frocks ?

Where was F--b--n during the sentimental items of the S. S. H.—H. H. entertainment ?

And what Mr. St-nd--ge thought of him ?

ON DIT.

That sundry Stoneham gentlemen do *not* approve of the new Play-Reading Society.

And that the A/M Society ought to be reading "The Face at the Window."

That the Secretary of the Refec. Committee is going grey

That T-ll-y does *not* like *light* blue.

That Mr. K-ll-y says "The lane ought to be tarred."

And that Mr. B--s--n agrees.

That Mr. Sc-tt-J-pp has succeeded in correlating horticulture and music.



THE PATRIOTIC DEEDS OF THE STUDENTS ON NOVEMBER 9th.

BY ONE OF THEM.

What strange throng is this that rolls from out the spacious entrance of University College? And what pre-historic creature occupies the position of honour high in the air on an elevated throne, guarded by an awesome axe on either side? What foreign sounds are these that burst like thunder from the throats of the vast multitude to the high gratification of three stray errand-boys, one solitary nursemaid and the cat's-meat man?

Be not affrighted, O! curious one! It is nothing more or less than the students of the U.C. arrayed in the dignity of full academical dress and accompanied by the "Father," also in academical vestments, assembled together to take their part in assisting Mr. Lloyd George to receive the freedom of the City of Southampton. Onward moves the procession to the strains of "Hi-Pi-Billy," the beat of the drum—mostly in the wrong place—the wail of one feeble cornet, and one voice rendered raucous by a megaphone. The effect produced—especially when the foremost students sing one song, those at the tail end another, and those in the middle waver between the two—is one that would easily rival Beethoven's finest symphony (providing, of course, that it was judged by the talented composer of "Yes! We Have No Bananas"). By the time

the end of the Avenue is reached, the gathering crowd begins to realise that the students mean business, as the trams, motor-cars and other vehicles which have come into contact with them bear witness, being bedecked with paper-streamers already.

And now it begins to dawn on the sleepy townsfolk that something or other unusual is to happen sometime or other this afternoon, when someone or other is coming for some purpose at present forgotten! The procession moves forward in crocodile fashion down the town to the Clock Tower, where suddenly, and for some unknown and obscure reason—unless it be to appear more imposing (?) to the humbler citizens around—it forms into single file, and, with hands on each other's shoulders, the students march with dignified mien and

“Solemn steps and slow”

to the Palace.

Taking their position in front of the already assembled crowd, the students are soon pressed out of the sight—although not out of the hearing (!)—of the crowd on the opposite side of the road. The police, suddenly remembering, however, their promise to reserve a front place for them, valiantly strive to extricate each one separately from the clutches of the crowd, to the great detriment of other people's toes *and* tempers (mostly the latter) and the general dishevelment of the carefully-arranged caps of the female section! (The men having disdained to appear in such articles, under the pretext that they are dignified enough without them, but the real reason being that they, too, fear to disturb their beautifully coiffured wavy locks, or glossy greased ones, as the case may be !)

Having at last obtained a front rank, the students proceed to regale themselves, and, incidentally, the pushing crowd behind them during the lagging hours which follow, with various songs and war-cries, repeated time and again, until even the police—good-natured as they are—bestow pitying glances upon each other as though to say that their toleration is more a matter of necessity than of choice!

Ah! At last! Cheers roll up the High Street, and now there comes into view the carriage containing the cause of all the disturbance, drawn by 30 stalwart students

of the male species, who, if Rumour is to be relied upon, are chosen more on account of their surpassing beauty of feature than because they hail from "The Land of My Fathers"!

[Sub-Ed.—We find there is no conclusive evidence that this Rumour is correct, but we leave our readers to please themselves as regards believing it or not!]

And now, what cries rend the air! What feet are trodden on as the police link arms and give a mighty heave backwards to the crowd, which is struggling to move an inch or two forward to catch a glimpse of the top of Lloyd George's hat, at least (which, however, he holds in his hand that all may view his noted "Paderewski" method of hair-dressing). What hearts beat violently as all the men strive to locate Miss Megan, and all the women to BE located by the photographers that their photo may appear in to-morrow's "Maily Dail"! By the time they realise that Lloyd George *has* arrived, he is disappearing into the Palace, and they have to quieten down in order to catch the sound of his voice as transmitted to them through the Loud Speakers during his speech to the Mayor and Corporation. Then, having exhausted his vocabulary, Mr. L. George is forced to descend to the street once more, and, amid the cheers of the remaining students, drives off. (Most of them have departed, some owing to the dusk which is descending, others because of the insistent call of Tea, and many because to-night they are to have an all-important Soirée, and they have now only left themselves twenty minutes to titivate!)

Nevertheless, the remaining ones, cheer him lustily on his way, so that it seems as though his departure now is as welcome as was his arrival earlier in the day.

The subsequent actions of those students who still remain we will leave where they are, and, as they are not now recognised public ceremonies, we will let them rest without further probing, and will conclude by asking if any of the students who assisted so gallantly know *what* they were assisting?—Namely, What *is* the Freedom of a City?

[Free rides on the tram cars!—ED.]

Norah Hammond (née Isaacson)
1923-1926

(On the occasion of bestowing the Freedom of
the City of Southampton on Lloyd George)

THE WIND.

A SONG.

When the elm leaf glows a tiny lamp,
 And the beech wood turns to red and brown,
 When the oak tree in the meadow damp
 Sends acorns pattering down,
 Ripe acorns pattering down.
 Alone by the dark pine tree
 The wind, to himself, sings drearily.

When the dawn comes late and the dark stays long,
 And the stars shine clear and bright,
 And the stream by the glittering meadow along
 Murmurs to the moon all night,
 Murmurs to the moon all night.
 Alone by the dark pine tree
 The wind, to himself, sings drearily.

T. G.



THE SEA-SPELL.

I love the glorious forest,
 Each leafy whispering tree ;
 But all my heart is aching
 With longing for the sea.

I see the queenly mountains
 Stand, snow-clad, silently ;
 But, oh, the eternal wonder
 Of ocean majesty !

I hear the song birds calling
 In clear-note melody ;
 But my heart is overflowing
 With the music of the sea.

Dear are my friends' caresses,
 Of love the warranty ;
 But sweeter salt-spray kisses
 The wind blows up to me !

The warm soft earth is calling
 Most lovingly to me ;
 But no, commit me, sleeping,
 To my beloved sea.

V.

THE COLL. SPIRIT.

Old students frequently ask, "Is the College spirit dead?" Not quite, but in a critical condition.

For several years it has been on the down grade, until now it is only kept smouldering by a cloudless breeze.

But what if a storm should drift up with the breeze?

Can we not get a good blaze going?

We have abundant material and inflammable, too, if one may judge from the welcome accorded Lloyd George.

Students in their last year always regret that it has taken so long for them to become imbued with the love of "Old Hartley." Therefore, Freshers, take note and "Play up like mad." Although the work and play sides have always been drummed into us, remember that true sportsmanship underlies and improves both.

Even if you do not excel at outdoor games, your place is there by the now empty touch-line. Too often this session lack of support has meant to the players the loss of that fraction of confidence which determines between victory and defeat.

Finally, may I appeal to all who can to support the College teams. They are *your* representatives on the playing fields, and for this reason need College support.

"Strenuis Ardua Cedunt."

S. C. WILMOT.



THE LAZY BEES.

(Being a fable of Idiotus, translated by Anne Asse.)

There once a hive was of lazy bees,
Who all the summer flew among the trees,
Enjoyed the sun and every toil did shirk,
Each to his fellows leaving all the work.
So when the winter came and food was lacking,
Each bee began his brother bee attacking.
"Why didst thou not for winter make supply,
For now we must of hunger surely die.
So if you all would have a decent Mag.,
Be ye not loth your pennes for to wag."

A. A.

A SIMPLE SIBILANT STORY.

(Not to be read by a person who lithpth.)

SCENE I.—SUSIE'S.

Sister Susie Steerforth sat sewing soldiers' shirts. Simple Simon sought Susie's suit. Susie spurned Simon. Said Simon, "Shall Susie scorn Simon's suit? Shall she say, 'Silly Simon'?" Susie still sewed; Simon, still sighing, sought solace.

SCENE II.—SEASIDE—SUMMER.

Susie, swimming, seems sinking. Suddenly she shrieks, "Save!" Simple Simon, stylishly suited, strolling shorewards, sees Susie sinking. Sprinting swiftly, Simon swims Susanwards; swimming shorewards, Simon saves swooning Susan. "Susan," says Simon, "say Susie's Simon's."

Simon's suit succeeded.

AN ESSAY ON ESSAY-WRITING.

BY A SERIOUS STUDENT.

As so many of a large section of the community rejoicing under the descriptive name of "Arts" (short for Artful Dodgers) are coerced into writing weekly essays, the time has been considered opportune for the forwarding of a few suggestions on the composing thereof, calculated to prove of great assistance to novices in the gentle art.

It is essential that the would-be complete essayist should be able (i) to condense prose passages, i.e., to *précis*; (ii) to expand prose passages, i.e., "to pad" or "barge." Having thoroughly mastered these two elementary principles, the earnest student will find few obstacles to his further progress.

The subject should cause no undue anxiety. Again, it is usually Hobson's Choice. However, it is advisable to ascertain, if possible, the learned professor's views on the subject in hand, and act or write accordingly. For instance, if you have definite proof that he considers the Emperor Tiberius was an out-and-out scoundrel, you may spare your efforts with the whitewash. This is known as tact.

The first thing to do in writing an essay is to acquire information, preferably on the subject given by Him-Who-Wields-the-Lead-Pencil, but with practice and the exercise of a little ingenuity practically any information can be made to serve one's purpose.

One point that should be always borne in mind is that others besides you are treading the royal road to learning. You should learn to tread it more quickly than they. When a select group of students have been given the subject for their weekly essay there is a general stampede towards the library, where are enshrined the learned works so dear to the heart of youth. The place of vantage is the summit of the library steps. It is a well-known fact that the blackest, most succulent blackberries grow on the highest sprays; thus do the weightiest, mightiest volumes grow on the top shelves. Seated comfortably on the topmost step, the victorious maid or youth can peruse at leisure the works of the mighty, and moreover, there are large supplies of ammunition at hand ready to be hurled down on the heads of aspiring rivals. With a suitable selection of Chambers' Encyclopædia, and other ponderous and erudite works, the student then retires to a distant corner of the abode of the learned, and therewith barricades himself in.

The point has now been reached where mere hard work fails and genius alone will carry you through. Having selected passages that appeal to you, the game is to retain the original ideas, but so to transform them that even Sherlock Holmes could not accuse you of plagiarism. If it can be managed it is advisable to bury your sources of information (temporarily that is), to ensure the originality of your essay. If, however, this is impossible, point out to your rivals the passages of which you have made use, quoting to them such proverbs as those concerning the fish in the sea and the pebbles on the beach, and tell them that there will be a decided lack of originality about their composition if they make use of them. This should have the desired effect, but if for some reason it fails, repeated applications of the Chambers' Encyclopædia are recommended.

For those who may be unable to devote the usual amount of time to the exhilarating pursuit of essay-writing, I will give a few hints which may be found useful.

(i.) A few split infinitives and judiciously placed spelling mistakes, very often serve to distract the professor's attention from more serious defects.

(ii.) It being inadvisable to copy out whole paragraphs verbatim, try making use of every fourth sentence in suitable passages. The result is often marvellous.*

(iii.) Quotations are a very present help in a time of dearth, but they should not be used too freely, and it is usual for the essay to serve as a connection between them, not for the quotations to serve as a connection between fragments of essay.

(iv.) It is advisable to write in a clear, legible hand: The more easily, He-Who-Wields-the-Underlining-Pencil finds it to read, the less likely is he to linger over doubtful constructions and minor inaccuracies.

(v.) The advantages of large hand-writing are obvious.

(vi.) The possibilities of margins are often overlooked. Fifteen pages with inch-wide margins can be expanded to twenty-five if a three-inch margin is used. By following the advice given in this article, the earnest student should be able to write for considerable length on any subject.

Having taken a touching farewell of the masterpiece, you must then confide it to the tender (?) mercies of him, who commanded the writing thereof. The affair, however, is not yet at an end.

Later the unhappy victims enter the abode of Him-who-Gathers-in-the-Sheaves, who gives once more into their keeping the offspring of their fertile intellects, accompanying the presentation with a suitable diatribe. The best thing to do under the circumstances is to sit perfectly still and listen, maintaining throughout the facial expression most suited to the general trend of the monologue.

The novice may ponder on the meaning of the strange pencilled hieroglyphics that are found to adorn the margins of the cherished *chef d'oeuvre*. There is, however, no cause for alarm, as they are merely caused by the involuntary agitation of the learned professor's pencil, produced by the varying emotions called forth by the perusal of the manuscript. There are some who, by reason of their long residence in this abode of learning, have acquired great skill and accuracy in the interpretation of these mystic signs.

THE S. S.

* We can quite well believe it.—ED.

HOSTEL NOTES.**HIGHFIELD HALL.**

At the beginning of term all was hurry, bustle and excitement. Everyone was very eager to see and welcome the Freshers, and also the students from the Y.W.C.A.

The Seniors were very busy changing quarters, and many and earnest were the discussions on cretonnes and colour-schemes.

To the delight of everyone, the Freshers proved good "sports," and never have Seniors' shoes shone so brightly as on the first morning of the term.

The Hall soon assumed its usual bright air, and the studies were filled with diligent students. The Winter Garden is as popular as ever, and the chrysanthemums there call forth the admiration of one and all.

We have not done much in the way of entertaining, but are looking forward to a good time at the Whist Drive to be held in the near future.

Some forty-five of us spent a very enjoyable evening at South Stoneham House on November 17th, and the rest of us are looking forward to an equally enjoyable time on December 1st.

M. K. C., Hon. Sec.

SOUTH HILL.

We were very pleased to welcome twelve Juniors at the beginning of the term, and note with some pride that they show a strong sense of their academic responsibilities, combined, however, with a less pleasing tendency to burn the midnight electric light.

A very enjoyable informal Social was held on Saturday, October 6th, and we are endeavouring to alleviate some of the cares and sorrows of the Staff and South Stoneham by a performance of "The Private Secretary," on Saturday, November 24th. The inhabitants of South Hill have been duly impressed by our caps and gowns, and have made some very favourable comments.

We are very pleased to have Miss Ricks with us, and Mrs. Ashdown finds her a very welcome link between College and Hostel.

K. M. F.

SOUTH STONEHAM HOUSE.

It is hardly necessary to say how we miss the absent "leading lights" of the "fifty," who are now widely separated over the United Kingdom and our Empire, all carrying on the good work.

With the arrival of such a sporty lot of "Freshers," we have now again a large, happy family of sixty-eight "brothers" in residence.

The Hostel welcome Smoker proved a great success, and the old hands turned up to a man, laden with pipes. Pleasant evenings have been passed in "The House of Commons." "Our Lady Astor" thoroughly represents her sex, and the Sergeant-at-Arms is fully occupied during the short, but thrilling sittings.

The Billiard Tournament is arousing great interest, and it appears probable that the final round will be contested by Freshers. Alas! the mis-spent youth of the younger generation!

We are now in the midst of the delights of Inter-Hostel Socials.

On Saturday, November 17th, the Warden and residents entertained several lady members of the College Staff and forty-five students from Highfield Hall. One and all at Stoneham agree that it was an extremely enjoyable evening, and we are looking forward eagerly to our visits to Highfield and South Hill.

As Chairman of the House Committee, I would like to take this opportunity of conveying, through the magazine, the thanks of the whole Hostel for the many ways in which our Warden has striven to make us all comfortable and happy during this first and most difficult term of the Session.

S. W.



RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Thanks to great revival of interest in the game, and also to the advent of several good players amongst the Juniors, we were able to commence the season with a XV which was probably stronger than that of last year. The increased interest in the game is shown by the fact that we can now muster a number of enthusiastic supporters—of both sexes, besides having no difficulty in selecting a team.

We have been very unfortunate in the matter of accidents; already two collar-bones have been broken, and several other injuries sustained by members of the team.

We have acquired a great reputation with at least one XV in the district, by whom we are regarded as "a very rough team."

We have many more fixtures this season than last, and so far we have been fairly successful.

Our most important match was, of course, that with Exeter; and, although we "went down" rather badly, we are now looking forward to February, when we shall have a chance to avenge our defeat.

We have again to thank Mr. Glover-James for refereeing for us, and also for his valuable advice on many occasions.

For our away matches, charabancs are a popular means of transit, and we extend a hearty welcome to any who care to fill up vacant seats.

The Committee desire to express their great indebtedness to the Soccer Club for granting the use of the field at South Stoneham, and also for their help and co-operation.

In conclusion, we wish a speedy recovery to all those who are on the "injured list."

H. L. T.

SOCCER CLUB.

The Soccer Club commenced the season under an unusually large handicap, only two of last season's team being available. In spite of this, the season was started well, thanks to the keenness shown by all Freshers.

Owing chiefly to poor combination and an unsettled team, we started the Wednesday League campaign by losing badly to Netley and Romsey, but now the men are playing together more as a team we are doing very much better, having won the last two matches, 3—1 and 4—0.

We were decidedly unlucky to lose 3—1 against Exeter after leading 1—0 twelve minutes from the end, but were still more unlucky to have Wilmot (our zealous captain) crooked so badly, that he is doubtful if he can resume his position before next term.

So far the total goals scored are 50 for and 32 against, the chief marksmen being Grace and Wright. We have won 8, lost 4, and drawn 1.

We are very grateful to Mr. G. Grant, the Registrar, for refereeing the Exeter match, and are pleased to say that he is going to play for the College.

Our small grant has compelled us to strictly limit the number of second eleven matches. However, we are glad to say that so far they have done well, having won 3 and lost 2.



CRICKET.

(END OF SUMMER TERM.)

After the ex-Service students had gone down, the Cricket XI. had to be greatly re-organised, but the results were not as bad as at first were expected.

A weak team at Portsmouth won unexpectedly by five wickets, while the return game on the County Ground provided a fine finish, Cole's 53, not out, paving the way to a two wickets' victory on time.

The games against Winchester Training College and Post Office were both lost by a great margin, but the best match of all was against Lyndhurst, when, after declaring at 119 for nine wickets, we lost a very exciting game by one wicket.

Many mistakes in the field caused us to lose against the Constitutional Club on the next Friday. It is greatly

hoped that this weakness will not be so apparent next season under the new and energetic captain.

The following awards were made :—

Old caps re-awarded—Carter, Connolly and Coxall.

New caps—Bimson, Wells, Siggers, Glover, Murray, Bailey and Russell.

Colours—Cole, Wood and Ferguson.

L. J. R.



THE NETBALL CLUB.

The Netball Club has not so far this year had a very successful career. This is in part due to the fact that only three players remain from last year's team, and there has been very little opportunity for the new team to practise together. The matches up to date are as follows :—

St. Anne's Convent	...	...	lost	27—3
Convent High School	...	...	lost	27—6
University College, Exeter	...	...	drawn	10—10
Barton Peveril Secondary School	...	...	won	13—6

Other matches have had to be abandoned on account of the weather.

This is not a very brilliant record, but we can, at least, rejoice over the result of the Exeter match, since we were the only team that did not suffer defeat. Having now broken our run of ill-luck, we look forward to a continuation of success for the rest of the season.

E. T.



WOMEN'S HOCKEY CLUB.

Up to the present we have had a fairly successful season. Our first match against Portsmouth T.C. we won 6—1, which was, in our opinion a good beginning. We were not able to win against Exeter U.C., but our defeat was not so conclusive as last years'.

We have missed the five members of the team, who went down last term, but by now the present team is well up to our former standard.

We sent in three players for the County Trials, and one was selected to play for Hants County this season. This is the first time the College has been represented in the county team, and we hope it will not be the last.

So far the 2nd XI have had no matches, but they will shortly have the opportunity to add to our list of victories.

B. C.



THE PLAY-READING CLUB.

A new Society has been formed this year for the purpose of reading Modern Plays, and at present it shows promise of every success. We have over forty members, several of whom are staff, and we look forward to increasing our numbers as time goes on. This term we have read two plays:—Bernard Shaw's "You Never Can Tell," and "Mr. Pim Passes By," by A. A. Milne, and although we had very little idea of the reading talent of the College, those chosen to read ably rose to the occasion. In the near future we hope to read some of Lord Dunseney's and John Drinkwater's plays.

T. K.



C. U. REPORT.

WOMEN'S.

Swanwick! Although in measurement of time that visit is four months old, the memory is as fresh and vivid as the happenings of yesterday. Those students who were privileged to meet in Conference at "The Hayes" will agree that it proved to be a land-mark in their lives, and while enjoying the splendid programme provided for us, we wished that many more of the students from the College could have shared with us the "Spirit" of Swanwick.

The Freshers' Social, so ably supported by Dr. Gray, was a success from all points of view, but one of the most pleasing features was the whole-hearted co-operation

of the students in making the very best of the opportunity given them for friendly intercourse. May that spirit remain a feature of all our College affairs!

The Monday prayer-meetings and the weekly Study Circles are well attended, and should they prove a help to any student, we are content!

N.

MEN.

The primary object of the Freshers' Welcome at the opening of each session is to introduce the freshers to the seniors, and to bring the aims of the Student Christian Movement before the College. We are in receipt of much gentle reproach on the grounds that justly, there was too much "C.U." and too little of any thing else, and, secondly, that the C.U. in its modesty, effaced itself too completely. This leads us to believe that the proportions were just right. So do we progress.

The principle achievement this term is the institution of two study circles on social subjects. (No, don't go away.) That these informal discussions meet a real need we feel quite sure, but we are by no means so sure that all those who feel the need are members of the present circles. It is extraordinarily difficult to find out who's who in this connection, and we can only hope that any men who are not averse to pooling their ideas on social and religious subjects with other people's, and are not doing so will just signify without waiting to be asked.

J. M. W.



LIT AND DEB.

The inaugural meeting of this Society for the Session was delayed, for various reasons, until the second week in November, when a dinner-hour debate was held in the Education Hut.

A large attendance, with a fair sprinkling of "Freshers," was present to hear the House debate upon the proposition:

"That when a man takes a woman out he should pay."

Mr. Wiltshire spoke for the proposition, while Miss MacKeith ably opposed. A discussion followed in which

most of the "old hands" took part; but no "Fresher" succeeded in overcoming his bashfulness, and earning immortal fame by a brilliant speech. - Come on, Freshers! Let's hear from you.

The result of the debate was a rejection of the Bill by a large majority.

This does not show a great deal of progress for the first half of term, but the Committee are actively preparing a programme which will convince all that the Lit. and Deb. is the foremost society in Coll. (ahem!). All that is required now is your support, both in attendance at meetings, and in placing suggestions for debate before the Committee.

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Invitations to attend Inter-Varsity debates have been received from Liverpool, Bangor and Manchester.

A. D. P.



M.C.R. NOTES.

The term, so far as the activities of the M.C.R. are concerned, started with the usual Welcome Smoker. The evening was spent enjoyably by both Seniors and Juniors, and after it was unanimously agreed among the Seniors that it was "one of the best"—as far as the Juniors were concerned.

Many who had been given unsuitable and discordant names when babes, were re-christened with ones which we hope will be handed down in history.

The famous "College Smoking Mixture" was greatly appreciated, except by one who found it much too rich in flavour.

The Father of the College was present, and rested the whole evening by the side of his "coffin," and his presence awed the whole gathering.

After partaking of lemonade, we concluded the evening's amusement by songs and recitation.

A few weeks ago Mr. Lloyd George made an appearance in the town, and the College people received him with great "gusto," and gave him an introduction to the "Father," who was held aloft outside the Palace Theatre, in which building Mr. Lloyd George received the Freedom of the town. Many of the College troops, after leaving the lower part of the town, visited some of the leading shops, but the "Crocodile" bought nothing.

As regards the Common Room itself, one has to record the decrease in the daily papers, owing to the small grant allotted this year, and also one might add that there is a decrease in the breakages of articles of furniture, although the greater part of the year is to come, and there is yet plenty of time to break up the "happy home."

Just one further note might be added as regards the solitary peacefulness of the Common Room nowadays. People seem to evade it; but in future roll up at 11.0 a.m. to partake of buns and hot coffee in the M.C.R., and help swell the peaceful gathering which is already beginning to collect there each day.

H. W.

"PHYZZ" NOTES.

A welcome "Phyzz" was held at the St. Denys' Conservative Hall, on Saturday, October 13th, when 84 maidens cast academic costume (and academic dignity) aside, and made merry for three hours.

South Hill members presented a short sketch of gay life. Miss Cherrington and Miss M. Jones conducted a musical guessing competition, and a few members from Highfield Hall gave an impromptu representation of "La Belle Dame sans Merci" and "Lord Ullin's Daughter."

The prizes for the spot dance were won by Miss Charlick and Miss Schofield. At the close of the evening the Juniors were introduced to the historic tray, which has now done duty for the third year.

Thanks are due to all who helped, and especially to Miss Frampton, who struggled nobly in the preparation of coffee and lemonade.

A. E. H.



SOIREE NOTES.

Owing to difficulty in renting the Pier, we have only held one Soirée there this term, the remaining two dances having been held at St. Denys' Hall. Nevertheless, the Welcome Soirée, held at the Pier on November 9th, was voted a huge success by all who attended it. So much so, that there was a demand for two last waltzes.

In spite of the fact that there was an Old Students' dance as a rival attraction, there was a large number present. Mr. Stickland was kind enough to officiate as M.C.

The dances held at St. Denys' Hall were also successful; but, owing to inter-Hostel functions, we have not been able to hold many of them.

Our thanks are due to the South Stoneham orchestra for playing for us at St. Denys, and also to all those who have helped to make these dances a success.

H. L. T.



[Owing to its bearing on the above, we thought this the most suitable place for the following contribution.—ED.]

We have had three dances—only one was at the Pier—
 (But still enjoyed ourselves, you'll quite agree!)

And we're hoping for an increase of the number for next
 year

("And if there's not, it won't be due to me!")

Says H. L. T.).

The cheery little optimist! I hope he gets his way!
 If folks'd only back him up he'd make the Soirées pay.
 I'm sure we'd never like to see "young H. L. T." go grey!
 Should we?

J. A. C.



ENGINEERING.

The Engineering Society still flourishes, and has this year just as complete a programme as ever. With Professor Eustice still the President, everything is sure to go all right, and, judging by the papers which have already been given this session, a very successful year's work has begun. The membership has increased considerably, and yet more come; thus the hard work of last session's Hon. Secretary bears its fruit.

Up to the present the papers that have been given are as follows:—

1. "Defects produced in the Manufacture and Use of Aero Crankshafts," by Mr. H. C. Brazier, on October 23rd.

Mr. Brazier is well acquainted with both theory and practice in aero work, and in this lecture we were favoured with a very interesting paper, bringing a rather technical subject well within the reach of the layman.

2. "The Use of the Percentage Unit of Angular Measurement in Surveying and Range-finding," by Mr. John C. Fergusson, M.I.C.E., on November 2nd.

On this occasion we had the honour of listening to an inventor explain his own invention, one which deserves the consideration of every engineer and mathematician. The simplification to mental arithmetic of what is by ordinary methods difficult mathematics, is one of the chief advantages of this system of measurement. A number of others there are, and one looks forward to the time when the percentage unit will supersede the present inconvenient way of measuring angles.

3. "The Adjustment of Stephenson and Walschaert Valve Gears," by Mr. W. H. Joslin, Grad. I.L.E., on November 15th.

Valve setting is generally regarded as an art which only one in a thousand can master, but, after the paper by Mr. Joslin, his hearers were amazed at the comparative simplicity of the process, this being fully demonstrated by performing the operation in miniature on models brought by the lecturer. On the other hand, emphasis was laid on the great importance of meticulous care and of common-sense in carrying out the adjustment, and on the fact that

the Southern Railway has a high reputation for economical locomotives, to a very large extent due to their excellence in valve-setting.

Other lectures are to follow in their due course, and, as usual, the Annual Meeting will come during next term. Thus the high tradition of the Society still lives and continues, never failing to bring the well-deserved credit it does to its founder and President, whose support has always been invaluable.

C. F. F.



B.A. MEETING.

(As no report has been received from the Science Society, we have decided to print here the following account of the B.A. Meeting in Liverpool, 1923, written by a student who attended.—Ed.)

The British Association this year, as on former occasions, offered exhibitions for a student from each University and University College to attend its meetings, and, through the additional generosity of Professor Cock and the Wessex Philosophical Society, four of us from U.C.S. were able to go to Liverpool.

The fact that the President, Sir Ernest Rutherford, was such a distinguished physicist naturally attracted a large number of physicists and chemists from all over the country, and many came even from the Continent and America. There were present Bohr, Lewis, Langmuir, Ehrenfest, McLennan, Lodge, Donnan, Coster, Hevesy and many others * whose names are equally famous in Science. To be present at the discussions led by such eminent men was, indeed, a privilege and a great inspiration, apart from the actual academic value of the lectures.

The discussions are always extremely wide in interest, and it is, therefore, to be hoped that, when the B.A. Meeting is held in Southampton in 1925, many members of the College will take advantage of the Association's offer of students' tickets.

E. J. H.

[* Normals may be interested to learn that the Education Section was presided over by the distinguished author of a work on the data and principles of Education not unknown in College.—Ed.]

N.U.S. NOTES.

The C.I.E. Conference at Oxford, was a great success. Even the most prickly of National Honours was satisfied. Irreconcilables met, and each found that the other was not such a bad fellow after all. This is the sort of letter we have been basking in at the N.U.S. Office:—

"... I remember with pleasure and gratitude, my visit to England. We much appreciate your unceasing willingness to help, and the patience with which you stood by us in many difficult situations. I cannot tell you how we were impressed by the 100 per cent. efficiency of your organisation, but that was only what we expected of the English.

"I am very satisfied with the results of the conference. We have done our best, more could not be expected. The atmosphere of Oxford and London, has very much to do with this result. We owe to you therefore more than you can yourselves imagine . . ."

The General Session gave their blessing to our President, Mr. Gordon Bagnall, on his visit to the United States with the Oxford Union Society Debating team. He was asked to act as the accredited representative of the C.I.E. in that country.

Mr. Randerson of Imperial College, London, who deserved *and got* the Albert Kahn Travelling Scholarship, was also given a mandate from the C.I.E. as their travelling representative. One up for England, eh!

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